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THE UNITED STATES AFTER ONE YEAR ON A GOLD BASIS.



HERE IS AN OBJECT LESSON WORTH STUDYING.

The beauties of the single gold standard—for the money centers!
The shaded portion of the above map shows the only geographical division of the United States whose tax valuations of property increased from the year of 1893 to the year of 1894. In the west and south the loss is tremendous. Since this map was made the returns from New Mexico came in. It makes the net decrease of the western section \$208,671,133.

AN OBJECT LESSON

It Is Taught By Some Figures and a Map.
200,000,000 GONE.

ONE YEAR WITH THE GOLD STANDARD

And the General Devastation that has been wrought by it.

The Story of Returns for Taxation.

The Official Figures from the Officers of the Various States and What They Mean—Big Loss Everywhere.

Here is a story of one year of the gold standard.

It is a story told in figures—figures furnished by the officers of the various states of this nation—a story the truth of which there can be no gainsaying.

A few days ago the Atlanta Constitution took occasion to demolish by a plain statement of facts and figures, the claim which had been set forth by the advocates of the single gold standard that the "average financial condition of the farmers is improving all the time." The statement was made in the vain hope of demonstrating to the people of America and particularly to the people of the south, that they are growing richer under the operations of the gold standard.

There is a very simple and a very easy way to ascertain whether facts concerning this point, and the Constitution presents today that story. It is indeed a lesson of the gold standard. The table of figures presented here is one which anybody can understand. It shows the change in the property valuations of the different states of the union from 1893 to 1894. And in presenting this it presents what might be called an official history of the operations of the single gold standard in America. It demonstrates more clearly than any argument could, the fact that under the operation of this system, which has been in full force within the country for a year, the people have sustained a loss of property, and that the money centers have shown great increases in property values at the expense of the people.

Forty-three States Testify

The official returns from forty-three states and territories are presented. In one or two cases the union has fixed the property valuation is arbitrary on the part of the state and is made only once in five years. This is the case in Michigan, Ohio, and Rhode Island. In these states there are no returns of property valuation—at least no figures showing the returns could be obtained from the officers of the

FIGURES DO NOT LIE!

State.	1893.	1894.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	\$ 290,172,500	\$ 240,171,677	\$	\$17,000,913
Arizona	28,408,180	27,081,974		1,406,209
California	173,326,484	171,965,480		1,367,004
Colorado	1,216,730,000	1,205,918,000		10,782,000
Connecticut	238,722,417	238,993,273		27,117,138
Florida	102,965,406	104,240,969	1,281,563	
Georgia	432,644,907	423,012,923		23,631,984
Idaho	33,000,000	28,000,000		5,000,000
Illinois	847,191,516	824,651,628		22,539,888
Indiana	1,302,004,669	1,275,483,377		26,569,292
Iowa	305,857,799	306,412,766		9,445,033
Kansas	306,621,818	337,501,722		19,120,096
Kentucky	708,779,076	696,220,842		10,578,734
Louisiana	250,045,539	251,991,348		
Maryland	524,056,241	523,138,191		5,081,862
Massachusetts	270,812,782	272,319,370		1,506,588
Minnesota	2,791,582,144	2,815,883,621	24,301,477	
Mississippi	642,908,651	648,759,254		5,850,603
Missouri	160,941,527	159,058,436		1,891,091
Montana	994,384,787	999,951,969		8,668,082
Nebraska	127,548,175	118,850,892	5,372,173	
Nevada	194,738,124	184,717,498		10,015,626
New Hampshire	26,178,060	26,028,720		2,444,340
New Jersey	274,816,342	269,683,779		5,132,543
New Mexico	708,295,274	774,308,332	6,103,058	
New York	4,038,058,949	4,273,942,431	235,883,482	2,501,620
North Carolina	261,717,727	262,927,119	1,209,392	
Oklahoma	15,029,927	14,830,435		199,432
Ohio	1,702,990,900	1,742,602,115		10,328,815
Oregon	168,068,903	150,396,383		17,669,522
Pennsylvania	3,115,330,549	3,162,114,251	46,783,702	
South Carolina	170,242,261	173,068,269		2,826,008
South Dakota	136,032,840	128,046,765		7,986,075
Tennessee	338,731,726	319,822,197		18,906,529
Texas	886,175,395	867,814,305		18,361,090
Utah	117,505,373	99,942,472		17,562,901
Vermont	176,051,265	175,132,912		918,453
Virginia	466,945,118	446,038,922		2,906,196
Washington	225,684,216	226,306,572		57,277,674
West Virginia	222,218,154	220,007,407		2,210,747
Wisconsin	654,000,000	600,000,000		54,000,000
Wyoming	32,356,801	29,198,041		3,158,760

The Official Record of the Value of Property Returned for Taxation in 1893 and 1894—Five Hundred Millions Missing from the South and the West.

state. Of the others only North Dakota and Delaware are missing, the expected telegrams from those states not having reached here in time for this article.

The figures presented are from the official reports of the auditors and comptrollers of state in forty-three states and territories. Of these forty-three only twelve show an increase of property valuations. The remaining thirty-one show almost uniform decreases. The total increase for the twelve states is \$337,800,753. Of this amount \$235,883,482 comes from New York alone. Seventy per cent of the entire increase in property valuations as shown by these official returns comes from the great money center of the union and 70 per cent of the remainder comes from the two states of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, each of them strong financial centers. The total increase in the remaining nine states is only \$30,822,092.

Five Hundred Millions Decrease.

Thirty-one states—and in using the term states several territories are included—show a falling off. The total decrease in property valuations of those states is \$500,185,790.

This falling off is widespread. There is no overwhelmingly large change in a single state, as is shown by New York, but the decrease is uniform all along the line.

In other words, the only large increases are at the big money centers—New York, Boston and Philadelphia—and the territory immediately contributory to those

places in which the money has been congested and where the stringency in currency and the corresponding shrinkage of values are not felt.

There is an object lesson in the map which accompanies this table. It shows vividly how this change in values has affected the different sections of the country.

What the Map Shows.

The portion which is shaded includes New York, New England and the middle Atlantic states. It is that section which has profited by the results of the gold standard. Of the states in this section, New Hampshire and Vermont, which are largely manufacturing states, and which contain no large financial centers, show a slight increase. Main, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania—all of them show a profit on the right side of the ledger.

The net increase for this section is \$312,110,555.

Coming to the southern states we find slight increases in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana.

There are decreases in all the others—Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

The slump has fallen fearfully heavy in the south.

The figures show that the net decrease of valuations, or net wiping out of property, in these states is \$90,284,580.

Only two of the western and middle states show an increase; they are Min-

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nessota and Missouri. The map which is here drawn throws these states in the central section, in which also are Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Here the net decrease is \$111,655,252.

With the exception of Missouri and Minnesota, not a single state or territory west of the Mississippi shows an increase. The blow which has been struck at the interests of that section is as severe as the blow which has been struck at the south, and it is felt everywhere. California, Wyoming, Washington, Utah, South Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, Nevada, Nebraska, New Mexico, Montana, Kansas, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona—every one has felt the terrible blight and has felt it bitterly. The result is that the net decrease of property valuation in that section is \$210,671,153.

Tells Its Own Story.

There is little need of further explanation—in fact the table and the map make the condition of affairs so patent that any explanation seems superfluous.

The devastation has been wrought in one year. It is but a beginning.

What a continuation of the ruinous gold standard would bring to the great mass of the people of this country can be realized only after a study of this map and this table, and the knowledge that it is but the beginning.

From the Weekly Constitution,
Atlanta, Ga., April 29th, 1895.

Wrong Brings Wrong.

"All we ask is to be let alone," say our goldbug enemies. And they go on with an argument which, in substance, says: "What if our fathers, twenty-five years ago, did increase the value of credits and add to the burden of debtors by demonetizing silver? We are not responsible for it! The bonds and mortgages, which have been renewed from time to time since then, are not the same bonds and mortgages, and are not held by the same men who held them when the wrong was done. Will you do another wrong now because one was done then?"

We answer, just as nature has always answered that question; that which always was always will be, because it is now; one wrong always has begotten another wrong. No wrong has continued forever, and all will come to an end. The eternal law of compensation says wrong shall be wiped out with wrong. The Mosaic law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is nature's law. Besides, it is nonsense to talk about innocent people suffering. Society as a whole was responsible for the original wrong of doing injustice to debtors, and society as a whole must pay the penalty. The innocent always suffers with the guilty. It is right, too, that they should. If they did not there would be no check on wrong. If only the criminal suffered from his crime, no one would care how much crime was committed, because only the guilty would suffer.

It is God's law that will be worked out in avenging the old wrong. He in the beginning established the rule, and it runs through all nature. The law of mechanics is that action and reaction are always equal. The pendulum swings as far to the right as it does to the left.

Like begets like. "The sins of the father are visited upon the sons, even to the tenth generation." Society pays the penalty of society's sins. "The robbery of the wicked shall destroy those that come after them." The scriptures, the literature and history of the world and the experience of men all show the truth of the sayings. The world sowed the wind when it demonetized silver, and it is reaping its half ripened whirlwind crop today in crowded jails, high taxes, pauperism, insanity increase, poverty, crime and suicides. In the penitentiary, suicide's grave, insane asylums and gilded palaces of sin can be found tens of thousands of the sons and daughters of those who were most directly guilty; and in every conceivable way society is suffering for that great sin of society. It will continue to suffer until the wrong is wiped out with wrong. Innocent people were made beggars by the first wrong, and innocent people may be made beggars by the second.

Your goldbugs say, "Do you want to pay us in 50-cent dollars?" The answer is yes. You made society pay you in two-dollar dollars, and it is right that society should even up with you. Nor is there any use to kick about it. It is the law written by nature for all humanity. It has never been balked of its end, and never will be.

When will the end come, and how will it come, no one can see. We don't believe it is near. The world has not learned its lesson yet. It is too blind. Its eyes must be opened. It took a hundred years for this land of the free to see the enormity of human slavery. It may take half as many for it to see the enormity of white slavery. It may take a half hundred years of want to impress the truth which Solomon uttered that "the rich are the rulers of the poor"; and that other supplemental truth that "no rule is so unjust as the rule of wealth." It may be that the wrong will be wiped out with that much boasted, much toasted, much bought, much abused little white paper that falls like snow flakes on the sod and "executes the will of God"; and it may be that it will be wiped out as every other national wrong has been wiped out, which is with blood. But no matter how it is done, wrong will come with it, and the innocent must suffer. The pendulum will swing as far to the right as it has swung to the left.—Mining Industry.

Secretary of the Interior, Hoke Smith, has rendered an important decision which will be of interest to many of our claim owners who propose securing a patent. Heretofore where several claims have been consolidated and worked together as one group by the same parties, a total expenditure of \$500 in labor and improvements has been regarded as sufficient to justify application for patent to all the claims in the group. In the recent ruling the secretary decides that the \$500 worth of labor and improvements must be put on each claim in the group.

The government will make preliminary survey of the mining regions of New Mexico and Arizona. A register of all the mines is to be made.

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